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**TO:** Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor  
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**FROM:**  Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.  
Director

**SUBJECT: ENSURING CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR RYAN WHITE  
BENEFICIARIES**

On September 20, 2011 your Board directed the Departments of Health Services (DHS), Public Health (DPH) and Mental Health (DMH) to 1) Notify the Board of Supervisors (Board) before any provider agreements or amendments are finalized; 2) Provide bi-weekly reports to the Board on the status of County efforts to obtain a Medicaid Waiver amendment to offset the additional County costs; and 3) Provide the Board offices with a written Ryan White patient care transition plan and monthly reports on efforts to ensure continuity of care.

**PROVIDER AGREEMENT NOTIFICATION**

On September 30, 2011, DHS notified your Board of its intent to execute amendments to existing Healthy Way LA (HWLA) agreements and enter into new HWLA agreements with seven Ryan White (RW) providers that are not currently part of the HWLA network. DPH and DMH will also notify your Board in advance of executing provider agreements related to this matter.

**EFFORTS TO OBTAIN MEDICAID WAIVER AMENDMENT**

Since our last report on October 20, 2011, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) developed a document including additional details of the financing mechanism of the proposed Waiver amendment, as requested by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). This document was discussed on a call the first week of November with DHS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems. The parties agreed to provide comments on the document to DHCS for submission as soon as possible to CMS.

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## **RYAN WHITE PATIENT CARE TRANSITION PLAN**

DHS, DPH and DMH provided a report on the transition plan to your Board on October 20, 2011 and will provide the next report by November 18, 2011.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know, or you may contact Wendy Schwartz, Director of Board Relations, at (213) 240-8104.

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